ARECANUT GROWERS IN THE STATE

493. Mr. V. R. Kishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many arecanut growers are there in the State ;

(*b*) what was the total quantity of arecanuts produced in the State for 1120;

(*c*) what is quantity exported from the State ;

(*d*) what is the quantity that was allowed in 1120 for duty free consumption by roducers ;

(*e*) what is actual extent of area under arecanut cultivation.

(*f*) what is total annual land revenue assessment on the arecanut gardens in the State ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 30,062.

(*b*) 1,06,613 mds.

(*c*) 83,725 mds.

(*d*) 9,452 mds. (at the rate of 2,000 nuts per grower's family).

(*e*) 24,287 acres.

(*f*) It is not possible to give the exact amount of Land Revenue Assessment on areca garden alone as many gardens contain taxable trees other than areca trees and the assessment thereon is based on the number of taxable trees.

MATERNITY WARD AND LADY DOCTORS

494. Mrs. T. Francis *(Women's-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the maternity ward is being looked after at all hours of the day by lady doctors ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Governmen):* A lady doctor is in charge of the maternity ward, but in her off-time and during night, the duty medical officer attends to emergencies, unless he finds a lady doctor's presence is necessary.

PRAWNS IN THE STATE—PARTICULARS OF EXPORT, ETC.

465. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin-Christians Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to atate.—

(*a*) whether iced fish or prawns were allowed to be exported from our State in the year 1120 and now ;

(*b*) is dried fish allowed to be exported and if so why ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Iced fish was not allowed to be exported. Iced prawns were allowed to be exported in the year 1120, but not now.

(*b*) There is not sufficient demand in the State for some varieties of dried fish. Again as regards other varieties of dried fish the entire quantity produced is not consumed here. It is the surplus stocks under the above varieties for which there is no sufficient demand here that are allowed to be exported.

SEA EROSIONS

496. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated) :* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether steps have been taken to get the question of Sea erosions properly investigated, by the Central Government Erosion Expert ;

(*b*) if not why ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The protection works for coast erosion have been designed on the lines of a similar protective works done by the Harbour authorities in Cochin and they are being executed after consulting them. The best advice on this subject has been secured and it is not considered necessary to consult any other body.

FRANCHISE—MUNICIPALITIES

497. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the present Municipal franchise fixed ;

(*b*) did Government at any time consider the question of introducing adult franchise for Municipal elections ;

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(c) have they any objection to introduce adult franchise for the next Municipal election

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(a) In 1113.

(b) No.

(c) The question will depend upon the decision of Government on the report of the Franchise Committee.

HEAD-MASTER, C. M. S. HIGH SCHOOL

ശ്രീ. മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ് : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) സി. എം എസ്സ്. സ്കൂളിലെ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർ മലിട്ടറി സർവ്വീസിൽ ചേരുന്നതിനു മുമ്പെ മദ്രാസ് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനാൽ പിരിച്ചയക്കപ്പെട്ട ആളാണെന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ വല്ല വാസ്തവവും ഉണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) അദ്ദേഹം എത്രകാലം മദ്രാസ് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സർവ്വീസിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു ; എന്താണ് പിരിയുവാനോ പിരിക്കപ്പെടുവാനോ കാരണം ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ :

(എ) ഇല്ല.

(ബി) ഏതു കൊല്ലം. സർക്കീട്ടുജോലി ഇഷ്ടമില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ സ്വമനസ്സാലെ ഉദ്യോഗം രാജിവെച്ചു.

RATION SHOPS—CONVERSION INTO CO-OPERATIVE STORE

499. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if they have considered the advisability of converting the present ration shops into co-operative stores ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(a) Government have considered the feasibility of some ration shops being run by the Co-operative stores. But this was not possible due to the difficulty of successfully working such institutions in the State.

TANK—PUTHUSERI DESAM

500. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any allotment has been done during the last five years for repairing "പാറയകുളം" in Puthuseri desam of Sy. No. 808 of Chemmanathatta Village;

(b) whether any repair work has been made to his tank during the last five years ;

(c) whether there is any other public tank in Puthuseri for bathing, washing cattle, etc.;

(d) how many public tanks are there in Chemmanathatta Village and in what Sy. Nos. are they situated ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Six tanks in Survey Nos. 156/2, 267, 578, 808, 914 and 4 of Chemmanthatta village.

DRAINAGE FACILITIES—KATTUR

501. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is urgent necessity of providing drainage facilities in the roads in Kattur especially the road to the west of Kattur Church ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(a) A petition has been received on 14th Kanni 1121.

KUNNAMKULAM—PUBLIC WELL

502. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

how many of the public wells, within the town limits of Kunnamkulam will become dry during summer ?

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